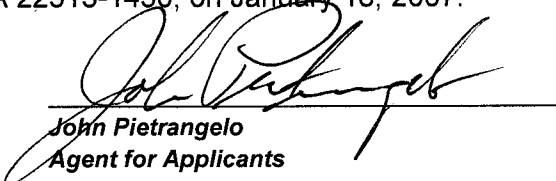


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before January 18, 2007, this Response is being timely filed, and no time extension fees are required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.